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Should you tune your TV set to some of the upcoming "King Family" specials, watch for the tall man in the center row in the middle—it's non other than OOTC member Alvino Rey - W6UK. Alvino is one of our famous orchestra leaders who heads up King Family parties with his music

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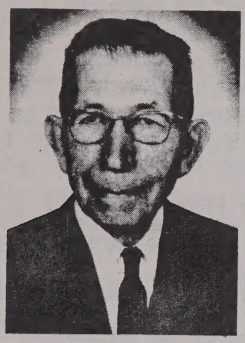
president's message



This is the time of year (mid-July) when I'm usually becalmed in the goldrums as far as OOTC activities are concerned. This placid routine was interrupted by a jolt from Ray Meyers that our punctual publisher of SGT was ready for my next MESSAGE. So here is the little I have for this issue.

I would remind those members living in the odd numbered Districts about the election in the months ahead of a Director for them. This is fully explained on page 15 of April-May SGT. As a matter of general enlightenment, all should know that Directors receive no compensation for expenses they incur in conduct of their work as such. They pay for everything necessary to do the job. Furthermore, it may be a surprise to all members to now that we Directors and Officers pay our $6.00 yearly sustaining fee just as you do.

Also we furnish our own office equipment and operating supplies — typewriter ribbon, carbon paper, file folders, etc. Only the Vice President and I are furnished letterheads and matching envelopes. These are provided by Mr. Bert Ayers, W6CL, publisher of SGT, a few of the ways we are trying to at barely cost to OOTC. These are only operate the Club for the best financial interest of all.

Those of us who are also members of the Antique Wiresless Association are again looking forward eagerly to the annual meeting to be held this time in Washington, D.C. September 22-24. The usual special meeting of OOTC will be held on Friday Night, the 22nd, approximately 8:00 p.m. local time, at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel. All OOTC members within range, whether or not a member of AWA, are invited to join us.

73 —Andy, W8TE

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Special Events stations WD4USA and WR4USA will be in operation at Miami, Florida during the Democratic and Republican Conventions in July and August.

The stations will be manned by the Dade County Amateur Public Service Corps W4EHW of Miami and members of the club will man the stations from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. local EDT.

A 2-meter FM station will be located at the Convention site with a station at Lincoln Road Mall utilizing both code and single sideband on the medium frequencies.

Purpose of the two stations is to permit the delegates and visitors to get better acquainted with Amateur radio. Public display of typical amateur stations, interviews and the chance to send free messages to any point in the country will be a feature of this Public Service project.

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In the Society of Wireless Pioneers Bulletin No. 24, item No. 2 reads "SWP salutes President Andrew Shafer and staff on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of founding of OOTC by Hubert E. Ingalls, W1NQ. Irv Vermilya, W1ZE, legendary operator, now deceased, was the first to endorse and 'sign up' in the new club in fall of 1947 at Nottingham, N.H. The OOTC includes a group of dedicated men starting with Prexy Shafer, W8TE, Col. Fred Elser, W6FB, Veep and the human dynamo Ray Meyers, W6MLZ who edits SGT, 'a legend in his time' in both wireless and radio. May we be around to see your Golden Jubilee!"

NEW MEMBERS

OOTC welcomes the following new members and appreciates the efforts of those responsible for sending them applications as indicated below:

1465—George E. Brown, W1BIO 1930
(By N. E. Chapter)

1466—Frank E. Pelton, Jr., WØGEK 1925
(Dave Shafer, W4AX)

1467—Harry E. Stahl, W3DH 1913
(Ed G. Raser, W2ZI)

1468—Richard I. Mills, WB6IZP 1917
(David Shafer, W4AX)

1469—Fredric M. Gillett, W6HX 1932
(Ray Meyers, W6MLZ)

1470—J. H. Johnston, W5COC 1923
(David Shafer, W4AX)

1471—William P. Sides, W4AP 1930
(Col. Fred Elser, W6FB)

1472—Chester A. Doles, W5UO 1932
(Unknown)

1473—Carl F. Schultz, W6CG 1925
(Harold Mahlke, W8DOI)

1474—H. E. Royer, W6EBG 1929
(David H. Atkins, W6VX)

1475—William Ragsdale, W8PQ 1916
(Andrew L. Shafer, W8TE)

1476—Herb Gleed, Jr., W6FQ 1931
(Bert Ayers, W6CL)

1477—Lindsey G. Riddle. W5JG 1913
(John Robertson, W5OB)

1478—H. M. L'Hommedieu, WB6PNY 1918
(Fred Iltner, W6MMW)

SILENT KEYS

OOTC 665—Dave Ablowich, Jr., W5SY

OOTC 1222—John F. Ireland, W1QG

OOTC 1375—Paul R. Fenner, KH6SL

OOTC 1464—Tom Nugent, WØOBL
Listed as new member last issue.

The Twelve Dollar Club

Kudos to the following for sending in advance sustaining fees thus a savings to the Club by reducing the frequency of having Address-O-Graph plates made.

81—Chas. E. Barrett, Jr., W1TYO 5/74
387—John Van Dyke, W2AA 7/74
389—N. R. Wimer, W7ABC 9/74
258—Carleton Hughs, W5JT 9/74
435—Wally Francisco, K6KT 6/74
463—John Allender, W3CJN 7/74
595—Lawrence Lineville, W7DH 7/74
688—Roland D. Richardson, W6AW .. 7/74
847—Louis Eaton, K1BS 8/74
853—Hal A. Sears, W5NC 5/74
891—G. G. Bensson, W5TM 1/75
929—Sumner B. Young, WØCO 7/44
1038—H. D. Hotham, MD., K3MK 1/75
1144—Chas. Desellier, W1KID 6/74
1194—Chas. K. Roach, WN6SJG 7/74
1244—Henry Tholstrup, W2UV 9/75
1262—John A. Curren, W1QD 7/74
1272—Burton Langley, W6AOS 9/75
1361—Art McKeil, WA6QQL 6/74
1363—Howard K. Smith, W6WSX 7/74
1365—Clarence Ridgely, W9GX 7/74
1367—Austine Henry, VK3YL 7/74
1388—R. Robt. Mathews, W8CJG 11/74
1439—RAdm. B. H. Andrews, W3LIR.. 6/76

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A search RADAR must have a reliable ROTATOR capable of turning in either direction. Odd that both RADAR and ROTATOR spelled backward comes out the same word.

PI-1HR

BY BOB ROBERTS

OOTC 825A

About 45 or more years ago, I was a young lieutenant in the Signal Corps U. S. Army and ordered to foreign duty, in the Philippine Islands. Before leaving I visited ARRL Headquarters in Hartford, Conn. and was promptly discouraged on trying to contact U.S.A. directly by radio. There was a chance, I was told, via Guam and Hawaii. "Short Waves" in those days meant about 200 meters. We were beginning to hear, however, that some were down below 200 meters - even as low as 100.

It was still the day of the spark gap, with crystal receivers, all home made. A "variometer" wound on cardboard tubing with a "tickler coil" at one end, plus a hunk of galena and a catwhisker, trapped some signals into a headset made of two telephone receivers strapped over my head and extending out six or eight inches to the sides.

Soon I had junked the Ford spark coil and inherited a Signal Corps 50 watt tube set that was headed for the junk pile. With the parts I built a short-wave transmitter. Trouble was, that there wasn't a 'wavemeter" available handy, and if there was one, there was no way of knowing just where to tune the stuff. The solution was, to listen to stations on short wave and then adjust the transmitter to the some frequency. Before long, I was down to 100, and then dived lower.

There were no licenses or radio inspectors, so I chose the prefix "PI" and used my initials "1 HR," and my wavelength was whatever the other guy used (to which I tuned). After weeks or months of calling CQ I finally contacted a couple of stations in China, and a bit later a station in Japan. The later sent me a QSO card strictly on condition that I would never make it public, because he would have been jailed for being some sort of an international spy, I suppose.

To relieve monotony of no answers to thousands of calls, I helped to build KZRQ, a first in radio broadcasting in the Philippines. I also wrote a radio page for the Manila Bulletin. And then things began to happen. Don Mix (WNP) Wireless North Pole, and Fred Schnell of NRRL were contacted (the latter at Hawaii). One night I heard a station in Hawaii, whose operator signed QN. QN proved to be Captain Hoppough, Signal Corps U.S. Army, I remembered, because he taught me radio and stayed with me until I got my Commercial License in Cleveland many years ago. Having contacted Hawaii, I was encouraged to go on.

Soon, I met an American living in P. I., Fred Elser. His sign was PI-3AA. He is now, as you all know, an honored member of OOTC, a retired Signal Corps Colonel, living in Palm Springs, California, and still pounding a key as W6FB, a wonderful call letter.

Soon I heard loud signals from California, 6AWT, Bartholomew Molinari and of course, I sent him a thousand calls. Finally, he answered my call and I sent the first amateur radio message directly from P.I. to USA. This should have solved my problem, but NO, I was somewhere in the vicinity of 40 meters and Doc Hoyt Taylor, at NKF (Naval Radio Lab in Washington, D. C.) answered my call. I was elated to then send the first radio message from the Philippines to Washington, D.C. direct, sending a message to the Chief Signal Officer of the Army and receiving an answer.

In addition to 6AWT, 1HR kept a schedule with 6BJX in Los Angeles, and a schedule was established, handling many messages for a number of years. Being on the air after midnight we worked 2LZ in London, England and practically everyplace in the world before my tour of duty was over. The boys of the 121th Signal Company, (Philippine Scouts) kept up the contacts for many years and became members of the "Brass Pounders League" handling the greatest number of ama-

teur radio messages. Many amateurs involved during those early radio days became commercials, one is Al De Lang, OOTC and presently our rep in Manila.

Sorry I have had to miss some, but this fills the space that the Editor allowed. 73 from YX - Ex PI-1HR

P. S.—Written at the request of Frank Geisel, Fred Elser and Ray Meyers.

PHILIPPINE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

confers this

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

upon

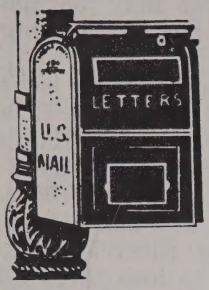
COL. HAYDN P. ROBERTS, EX - PI - 1HR

in recognition of his valuable contribution towards the promotion and enhancement of the amateur radio art in the Philippines from its early stage up to the time of his departure from this country in 1926: for attaining the distinction of having successfully transmitted the first direct message from the Philippines to the United States of America on June 17, 1925 through his Amateur Radio Station PI - 1HR, *and for his continued interest in the development and progress of radio amateur in this country.*

Manila, Philippines, October 12, 1966.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY - TREASURER



To The Editor

Dear Ray OM:

Can a "Lifer" jack it up to a Thirty Dollar Club?

Here's my check to cover so you can mark the new stencil 12/76 for the magazine.

Many thanks for the Roster—Good work.

Someone in picking up the second call, W4ABC, possibly misread the town name. The Roster reads: Morrisville, which should next time be shown as Mooresville. Even our mail clerks in the State sometimes misdirect our mail to the town by name of Morrisville, before it finally gets to us.

But anyway, let's keep on making an occasional fumble, only the perfect records are made by the fellows beneath the granite slabs.

73 Wayne, W4AA (#142)

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Dear Ray:

Thanks for the Dec.-Jan. SGT and the nice letter. You had quite a time at KC getting off the ground. Hope your luck was better on the Miilitary Jet.

Re the picture: Bud Waite sent the picture in to you but don't know where he got the name and call which were both wrong. Erase Larry Harms, WB 2OKU and put my name in and my call letters, Earl W. Korf, WA2UKO, Gould, Raser and Bud are OK. Mrs. Gould took the picture.

Incidentally this same picture is in the new SOWP newsletter and the names are correct. You have probably seen it.

73 —Earl

Dear Ray:

Received notice with SGT, that my subscription will expire 5/72.

Might as well join the $12 Club, so I am enclosing check for same.

Hope you are enjoying good health. I am still OK.

We just returned from Hawaii on Thursday. Both of us like to swim, got plenty of it at Waikiki Beach.

Still enjoying Spark Gap Times. You are doing a fine job and I appreciate it.

Sincerely, Ed MaDan, W7RJ

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Dear Ray:

Check enclosed for $12 for OOTC dues to June, 1974. You are doing an excellent job for the Club, Tnx.

73 —Larry, W7DH

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Ray:

Here's my $6.00 for another year's dues. Home from hospital a couple of months now, following surgery for cataracts on both eyes.

73 and GL —Clarence, K4CDP

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Dear Ray:

Thank you for the subscription notice; it certainly rolls around pretty fast as we grow older, hi! Kindly place me on the $12 Club Roll, guess I should have done it before.

Let me congratulate you and the staff for doing such a fine job, especially on the Roster.

It was a great loss to the HDQ Staff of ARRL and ham radio in general, when my close friend Roland Bourne, W1ANA, became a silent key. Anchors away! Ray.

73 Les, W1ABE

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Dear Ray:

Am enclosing check for $12 for two year renewal of Spark Gap Times. I believe my subscription ran out this month.

I wish to thank you for your work in connection with this magazine and the Club in general.

I sure appreciate receiving SGT.

73 —N. J. Ropar, W5QBW

Dear Ray:

I'm a pain in the neck to the circulation dept because I change my address so often. But I don't know what to do about it! I have three addresses. My home base QTH is Duxbury, Mass. We spend five months in summer season in New Hampshire, then Duxbury for a few weeks, then five months in Naples, Florida

If I don't change the mailing address of the magazines we take, the copies are forwarded, postage due. Sometimes even though I do send in change of address, I get two issues, one to the old address and one to the new, then the old address one is forwarded. Such was the case when the recent roster of OOTC was mailed.

Now I need a new supply of OOTC stationery and gold stickers. I might as well include two two year subscription renewal due next August, so here is a check for $15.00 which ought to cover; if too much, put the excess in the treasury for being a nuisance.

FB on the SGT; an excellent job and very interesting always. Will miss W1ANA, who was a personal friend.

73 Lou Eaton, K1BS/K1LE

Ed's Note—One way to lick that COD charge from the Post Office is the $12 Club for it goes 1st class mail and forwarded free if you left a change of address with the P.O.

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Dear Ray:

Tnx for trusting me for a buck. Here 'tis enclosed. Got the labels OK. Busy using them.

Just spoke to Mrs. Alciatore, Roy's wife, (W4RU) and she says that he has been very sick. Had a good day yesterday but they still cherish the prayers of those of who believe in the devine power of the Lord to heal.

Some time back, he went to the hospital for an operation. He told me last time I spoke to him that his present illness was a recurrance of his old trouble. He's at present in the Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. A card will be appreciated by Roy and the family.

73 —Jake Bullock, W5GXO

Dear Ray:

The enclosed material may be too late for the Blue Book but am sending it along anyway.

I certainly look forward to each issue of Spark Gap Times. I started with a Crystal set from Gernsback's Radio News in 1921. I saved all the magazines from that year on, and also others. zines from that year on, and also others, Wireless Age, Practical Electrics, Experimenter, QST, only to lose them all in a garage fire in 1965. Luckily my loose coupler and other old gear was stored in the house.

73 —Rudy, W66SM

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Dear Ray:

Your Old Old Timers roster, dated June, 1971, is great! Congratulations and appreciation for all the work that must have gone into it.

May I suggest a mild correction for the next one! I am lucky enough to have two licenses, W1ZD in my home in Southbridge, Mass., and K4ZD in my winter home in Jupiter, Florida. The roster lists the latter as W4ZD which, of course, is not correct, and when you make a new one, you can change it to K4ZD as will be appropriate.

Also, I am now the proud possessor of the Extra First license, although perhaps this is not of any importance to you in your records. It certainly was quite an examination and harder than I thought—at my age!

—John M. Wells, W1ZD & K4ZD

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Ray:

Maybe next year can join the $12.00 Club—things just a wee bit tight at the moment. My son, Ricky, WA4VHS and one of my grand daughters were in a very bad accident in Cincinnati, Ohio where Rick was attending college.

It looked real bad for both, but thank the Lord, both are still with us, but it will take some time on the memory bit. We have Rick home with us in Greenville now. He is just 23 and looks like college graduation will be at least a year off—he was supposed to graduate this June.

73 —Bob, W4OMW

Club as my sub must be due by now! (The years are passing so rapidly) Was delighted to receive the OOTC Certificate for QSO Party '72, it was indeed a great pleasure to QSO the OOTC members 'specially some of my real OT friends and now the pleasure of meeting "new" ones!

Vy 73 Austine Henry, VK3LC

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Dear Ray:

When I renewed my subscription to Spark Gap Times a while bacbk and subscribed to the $12 Club, unfortunately an error was made in my mailing address.

The only thing wrong is the Apt. No. It is rather important since there are over 300 apartments here that use the 1135 La Salle Ave. address and the mailbox for each apartment is only identified by the apt. No. The postman puts the mail in each bax and without the correct number he has nothing else to go by. Fortunately I have gotten the magazine OK so far but we do have different postmen at times. The new label somehow got my OOTC number instead of the apt N. and there is no apartment with that number.

Hope this does not create too much of a problem with you. Perhaps there is an easy way out, I hope.

My listing in the new membership Roster is correct and I want to say that I think the Roster is very fine and certainly appreciated receiving it.

73 —Charley, K4FVI

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Ray

Here's a copy of the note I sent to W6BUK with my log sheets for the OO TC QSO PARTY. I ran up 30,284 pts this year. Worked only one phone contach, no one bothered with phone when in most cases it would merely duplicate the CW contact with no added credit. That needs correction to make it desirable to work phone.

Got a nice QSL card and a note from Barbara, G6YL. She said in part "Vy gld to QSO u during the OOTC QSO party. I had answered ur CQ DX OO TC at abt 1653 GMT but ND, Hi! When I called u at 1742 GMT, I was having my last fling, as a thunder storm was coming up es I'm scared to transmit during thunder storms. It continued until 2345 GMT, so put paid to my taking any further part in the OOTC QSO Party! Did I cuss?!"

I had to fight off lots of DX as they insisted on calling when I would call CQ OOTC. At that I worked UC5OC and UC2WG on 7, YO8FZ, I2BEG, 3B8DA on 21 and ZS2CW on 28, DM 2AND and VK3FC on 14 mhz as well as a dozen or more USA who wanted to know what OOTC was all about, or how to join. (I gave them ur call, hi). Please send me half a dozen membership application blanks when you have time.

73 —Gene, W7DI/W9ERU

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Dear Ray:

Enclosed is a mug shot and the information sheet. If the picture is not good enough let me know and I will send another to you.

I thought your program on Dialing for Dollars was very good. It did not do Amateur Radio any harm that is sure. Mertice and I were both watching.

73 —George Elliott, W6ENC

Thanx George. A couple of our good members who happened to hear CY Kahn, W6PXH started mentioning the call of KCOP of the broadcast station despite earlier warnings not to mention anything on the amateur band about the broadcast when working W6PXH/ portable, Hollywood. Fortunately FCC, if they were listening, overlooked the Boo Boo.

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Dear Ray:

Your note on Victor J. Andrew in SGT: His call at Wooster, Ohio was 8BPP, 720 Spruce Street, From 1925 Govt. Cal Book.

73 —Paul, W5CTM

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Ray:

I have a June 1922 Government Amateur Call Book listing amateurs both by call and by last name. Would gladly look up any information for any member of OOTC.

Dear Ray:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have sent you a money order for $12 . Since the eary 1920's the registration number of my automobile has been Rhode Island 541. When I joined the OOTC I received the number 541. Isn't that something?

—Bill Allen, W1LU

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Hi Ray:

Was very interested in Lew Siecks article about that Graf Zeppelin/ Shenandoah get-to-gether QSO. I remember back in middle 30-40, when travelling as sparks on a Wilhelmsen/Oslo cargo liner homeward bound from VK-land through the Suez Canal, just NW of Cairo, I was called up by Denne/Graf Zeppelin on 500 kcs. The Dirigible was en-route Cairo-Athen and wanted spot check when passing the ships lane. He got it.

Another time, outward bound for S. Africa, N. of Canary Isles, I was also called up on 500 kcs. by Dette/Hindenburg, en-route Buenos Aires-Friedrichshafen, also for spot check, which he promptly got. I sighted none of the airships, but felt it quite an experience.

I saw Denne/Graf Zeppelin once, circling over Hamburg 1st of May, 1935, bristling of enormous Swastica ribbons and emblems dangling from her sides.

73 to all OOTCs

—Chris, LA1P, Oslo

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Dear Ray:

Am about out of Gold stamps, find $3.00 for a new supply. I just received a QSL from a long way off and he sure bragged on our stamp. He was a JW-1 on Bear Island, which is just 4 square miles big and owned by Norway. He is the only station there, located in the arctic circle between Spitzbergen (JW Call) islands and Franz Josefland UA-1 I got one from a JW-6 in Spitzbergen so our stamps are going a long way, also from VK-6 in West Australia and a ZL in New Zealand, we are getting them out over the world. Also had a BY1HV in Canton, China but Rod Newkirk said don't try to send him one (hi, hi).

BCNU —Ed, W9GX

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Don Wallace announced the W6AM rhombic farm stag visitors day was held Sunday, July 30th in honor of G3KPO, who arrived that day.

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Mebbe you have already seen the enclosed clipping. In any case, suggest take along a signal light for use at K4NAA at AFCEA Convention.

Have fun there and say hello for me to the many OOTC MTC SOWP, etc. who are sure to wander around in Washington.

—Frank Geisel, No. 731

San Jose News Thursday, April 20, 1972

BEST GEAR NOT ENOUGH, NAVY FINDS

PERTH, Australia (UPI) —The U. S. Navy communications station at Exmouth, which contains some of the most sophisticated radio equipment in the world, is negotiating to buy an old fashioned signaling lamp.

The $7 million station, 800 miles north of Perth on the west Australian coast, daily sends messages thousands of mile. But it was put to a rather embarrasing test over a few hundred yards Wednesday night when a cargo ship hove into Exmouth Gulf and began to flash with a hand signaling lamp.

The merchantman, the station watchers spelled out, wanted medical advice for a sick seaman.

The officer on shore ordered his men to message the ship. "With what?" the sailors asked.

There was no lack of veterans who remembered signaling lamps and how they worked. But there was no hand lamp or even a pair of signaling flags in the complex.

The base is negotiating to buy, through the Royal Australian Navy in Canberra, one 12-inch signaling lamp with reflector.

1972 - FOUR LAND QSO PARTY

STARTS—1800 GMT, Saturday, Sept. 9th
ENDS —0200 GMT, Monday, Sept. 11th

THIRD ANNUAL QSO PARTY—Sponsored by the 4th District A. R. Ass'n of the I.A.R.S. Inc. to make the many counties in the eight 4th District States available for the county hunters. The same station may be worked on each band and mode fixed, and again if operated portable or mobile. 4th District stations may work other in district stations. **EXCHANGE**—QSO Nr. RS/RST and QTH. County and State for 4th District stations; State, Province or Country for others.

SCORING—For 4th District. Total QSOs X Countries X Continents. **All Others;** Total QSOs X 4th District States X 4th District Counties. Count State and Counties **Once Only.**

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MAILING DEADLINE—October 31st to 4th District A.R.A., Att: Bob Knapp, W4OMW, R#7, Box 187, Greenville, N.C. 27834.

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Our good member Augusto E. Osorio LU2AO sends me a complimentary copy of his book

"RADIOCOMUNICACIONES"
(Manual Elemental)

The book is well done and should be well received for the prospective newcomer in our amateur ranks living in Argentina.

In his synopsis of the history of Wireless starting with Morse in 1832, Bell, Edison, Hertz, Fleming, Brandly, Marconi, Tesla, Heaviside, Poulson, De Forest, Bellin-Tosi, the next item is ARRL, 1920 then OOTC 1947 with his comments ending with "de los pioneros de la radio."

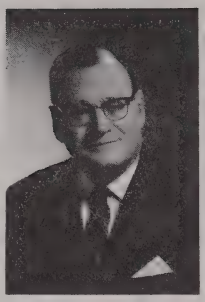
Ed's Note—Thanks Augusto.

KNOWN FREQUENCIES AND TIMES WHERE ONE MAY FIND A FELLOW OOTC MEMBER

Day	Local/T	U/T	Freq.	TYPE	NET CONTROL (Alternates)
Mon	0900	*1400	3670	N. E. Atl. SOWP	W2ZI/W2VEJ
"	0930	*1430	7030	S. E. Atl. SOWP	K4PI/K4GT
"	1545	*2045	14070	OOTC Get together	K8NG
"	1900	*0300 (Tue)	3555	W. Canada SOWP	VE7WZ/VE7RQ
"	1900	*2400	3648	E. Coast OOTC	W1AEH (W1ZS, W2MDB)
Wed		*1700	14287	Int'l Handicapped	(W6MLZ checks in)
"	1600	*2100	3928	E. Coast OOTC	K2BX /W2MBD
Thurs		*1600	14127	Trans US SOWP	W6HLD
"	1900	*2400	3963	E. Coast OOTC	
"	1900	*0300 (Fri)	3555	Pac. Coast SOWP	W6BNB/W6HLD
"	2015	*0115 (Fri)	3840	Mid West OOTC	W8DWT
Sat		1600	14115	Nat'l OOTC	K2NP, WØID, W6MLZ
Sun	0930	*1730	3917	So. Cal OOTC/QCWA	W6FQ
"	1100	*1900	3695	So. Cal OOTC/QCWA	K6BA

NOTE—*All but one time in GMT advances an hour earlier when National Daylight is in effect. U/T replaces the famous GMT expression.

The PIPELINE



By
Bill McKee, W1KC
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Mass. 01609

Dave Ablowich, Jr., W5DW, WØDW, W5SY, W6OC died June 8, 1972 very suddenly while attending a regular meeting of the Rotary Club.

Ed's note—Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ablowich, Bill and Ray.

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Harry Lott, W2ARX, reports that he enjoys our Pipeline and wants to help out a little by sending in a few lines.

He says that he recently got a thrill when Bill Britton, W2BDO, sent him one of his old QSL cards of the 1925 vintage that he had found in an old file. These two old cronies have a skedule every day on 7MC and have been doing so for many years. Harry has been playing with a TNT mini rig with a 201A on 80 and 40 meters. Output is 2 watts. Best DX so far is way over 1000 miles!

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Wallace Leland, K7WL, was recently honored by the Sun City-Youngstown Radio Club, with a certificate commemorating his 60 years of Amateur Radio operation. His first ticket was received in July 1912 when the first such documents were issued.

Note—Congratulations OM, we all hope that you have many more years of good hamming. —Bill.

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Gale Curtright, KØTYO, just returned from a visit with CT1VX, Helmut Stubing, in Lisbon. Hel is head of Portuguese operations for the Siemens Co. He has a new Signal One rig which seems to delight him. Gale flew back on a 747 flying auditorium and was duly impressed!

Dick Schell, KP4ZK, was Manager-Engineer of WPR, Ensenada Radio, from January 1927 to December 1962, at which time he was pensioned. He then worked for ITT at San Juan until 1968 when he retired again. He reports that he is now keeping in shape when not on the air by helping about the house.

Note—Good luck OM on your retirement. —Bill.

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Bert Ayers, W6CL, sends in an impressive copy of the membership roster of our Southern California Chapter of OOTC. It looks like they have a real live wire group out there and we welcome the news of all their club activity.

Note—Thanks very much Bert for the OOTC cloth patch. I have it hung on the wall of my shack and think that it is very attractive. For those who have not seen this work of art—you are missing a good one. They have been advertised in SGT. If I ever get out to California—I would like to meet your gang. Sounds like you really have a good time. Give my best to your spark plugs, W6MAB and W6HS. —Bill.

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A. G. Gerry Sayre, W9MG, is recovering from surgery perfomed last February. This explains why he has not been too active on the bands recently.

Note—Our best wishes for a speedy recovery from us all. —Bill.

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W. Bills, W2CDZ, has been working a lot of 10 meters lately and is quite surprised at the activity onthat band. He also reports that his XYL, Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, passed her EXTRA on the first try last May 30th. His son Bob, just graduated with honors getting his BS in physics from the University of Texas.

Note—Congratulations OM on having such an illustrious family. Your XYL deserves a lot of credit for passing that Extra, I know from personal experience. —Bill.

Howard Pyle, W7OE, had been recovering nicely from four major surgical procedures but some malformation developed in healing so he was sent back to the hospital again in June for corrective surgery. He is usually on 14070 kc seven days a week when able, from 1500-1530 PDT.

Note—You sure have had a rough time OM. We all send our very best wishes for a very speedy recovery. —Bill.

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Joseph Pehoushek, WØEFK, after spending 23 years in the retail grocery business and 30 years as an aircraft mechanic for Northwest Orient Airlines, has now retired to catch up on lost time in the shack and on the air. When not following this hobby he and his XYL are known as "rockhounds" and when they find the elusive stones they shape and polish them. Lapidaries is the name of this following.

Note—Good luck in your well earned retirement OM. —Bill.

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NOTE—In order to make my job a little easier, please if possible, use a typewriter or print the contents of your letters. There are always a few lines of material sent in which I cannot decipher. —Bill.

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Bill Potter, W4ZGB, would like to have some of the gang look for him as W4ZGB M/M along about September 28th. He will be operating from a Cruise Ship in the Mediterranean until October 11th. The rig will be a Swan 270-B with a vertical antenna. Five countries and twenty eight cities will be visited. His scheduled frequency will be 14225 kc with a plus or mius five kc. No time given.

Ed Raser, W2ZI, had a QSO with W1ZW on October 18, 1925 using the old 200 meter band. Last January, almost 50 years later Phil Baldwin, W1ZW popped up again on his log sheet. Same person—same call!

Mort Brewer, W6JU, as a new member wishes to express his deep appreciation for the honor of being elected to our membership. He notes that in the April-May issue of SGT that he is credited with getting his first license in 1827. Mort has been telling all his friends that this early date makes him the inventor of wireless. He wants to know what other proof is necessary since it is printed in SGT as 145 years ago that he got his first ticket!

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Sam Fraim, W3AX, W4MOX, reports that operating W3AXT for 41 years and 3BIT for some 14 years, he finally applied for a two letter call. Guess they figured he would never pound out a good "T" so they took off the "T," so now he has W3AX.

Note—You can't win them all OM.—Bill.

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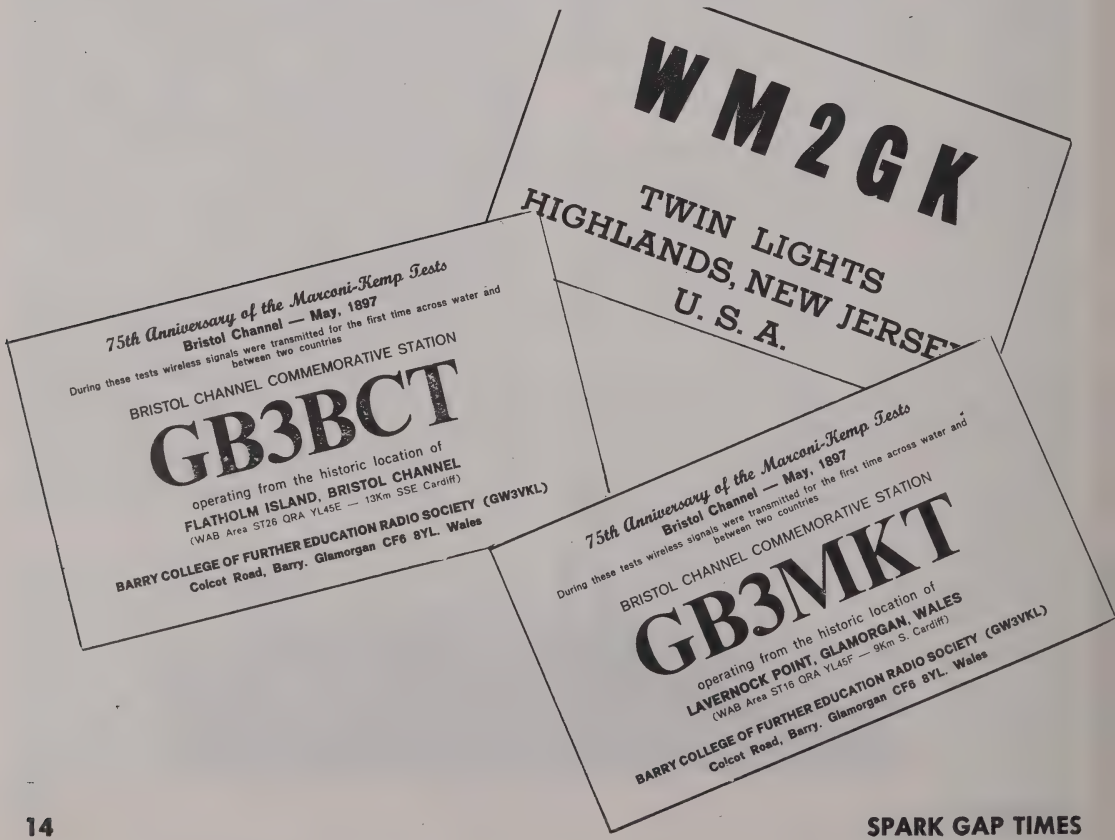
Earle Wohler, W6FS, passes along the following information;

Paul Fenner, KH6SL of Honolulu passed away. He was well known on the West Coast as he was with the FCC there from 1934 to 1937 and later in Honolulu.

Barney Osborne, W6US, of Sonoma, California is now in good shape after a long lasting back ailment.

Earl sent along a picture of the SS Nile which was his home during 1920 to 1923. The call was VRE and it travelled from the West Coast to the Orient. Earle was aboard 4 months on each voyage.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR QSL CARD?



NOSTALGIA

Dave Atkins, W6VX sent me this. Looks like Dave and some of the 8th District boys should go after K6CRA and W8QP as OOTC members.

—W6MLZ

A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by

PHILIP J. FAULKNER
Morse Telegraph and Radio Operator and Owner of Amateur Radio Station "K6CRA"

I was born in Louisville, Kentucky on May 23, 1873, where my father received his degree from the Kentucky School of Medicine. In my father's early days he was a telegraph operator for Western Union.

My first contact with the art of communications occured in 1882 when I was 9 years old. It was then that my father introduced me to the Western Union Offices and taught me the Morse Alphabet.

Subsequently my father and stepmother, who was also an operator, were shifted to Cincinnati, Ohio; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Altoona, Pennsylvania and finally to New York City. It was in Altoona where I really began Telegraphing. My father was manager of the Office, my stepmother was operator and got my first job; the office boy. However, it was a great opportunity to learn the Art and I took full advantage.

In 1888, when my father was transferred to New York, I took the routine test given there to all applicants for jobs with Western Union. I passed the test, but the manager said he could not give me a job because of my tender age. He suggested I get a pair of long pants and work as a messenger for a year, then he would give me a job as operator. I did as he suggested, but a short time later my father was appointed manager of the Hoboken Office in New Jersey with my stepmother as operator. He accepted the job on the condition that I be given the position of second operator. That was the beginning of my telegraphic career and it was then that I learned the Continental Code.

Between 1888 and 1907 I worked for the Western Union and Postal Telegraph and was assigned to various jobs including the New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange, a Wall Street Broker, and half a dozen Newspapers in New York City as well as United Press and Associated Press, sending about 25,000 words in an eight hour shift. I spent a year in the Western Union Atlantic Cable Office in Nova Scotia. The cables terminated in Ireland and the work was very interesting. I was also general Wire Chief for the American Telephone and Telegraph in New York City for several Years.

In 1907, as private operator and stenographer for Mr. E. H. Harriman, Chairman of he Board of Directors of the combined system of Union Pacific-Southern Pacific Railroads, I traveled throughout the country in his private railroad ccar. When not on the road, I operated a telegraph wire between the railroad offices in New York and Chicago. After Mr. Harriman's untimely death in 1909, I remained in the New York Office in charge of telegraph. When I joined the railroad in 1907 we had only one private wire between New York and Chicago, but when I retired in 1944 there was a direct wire to San Francisco, and wires to Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, with teletype circuits around New York connecting my office with our steamship piers, passenger department and refrigerator car service, handling about 500,000 telegrams a year.

Mine has been a long and interesting career, and I could tell many unusual stories. In the beginning expert telegraphers were regarded as almost super-human, and occasionally contests were held with prizes awarded. I took part in one such contest in 1891 and won a prize for copying 110 telegrams in 60 minutes, a feat unheard of at that time. The prize was a silver typewriter, built for and exhibited at an international exposition in Paris. By current standards it was a monstrosity.

The typing was not visible until the carriage was lifted and viewed from beneath. It had no shift key but had a double keyboard, one for capital letters, the other for lower case. In this contest I also sent 265 words in 5 minutes on the straight Morse key. There were no sending keys then like the present Vibroplex or electronic keyer.

The electronic keyer I am using now has made the old glassy right arm as good as it was 75 years ago, and anyone wishing to check this can find me one one of the amateur radio bands, 20, 40 or 80 meters and name the pace, anything from 5 - 50 words per minute.

On December 2, 1920 I was licensed as an amateur radio operator and the leading radio magazine published my picture in December, 1963, stating I was the oldest radio operator in the world. However, I have been in correspondence lately with an amateur in Findlay, Ohio "W8QP" who is 4 months older than I. Whether he is as active, I cannot say, but this much I will say; at my age there is nothing to do but eat, sleep and operate amateur radio. It's a dog's life and I love it.

Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 1, 1965

Editor's Comment:

Thanks Dave. I wrote up this gent in my Herald--Examiner weekly column many years ago. In a few months he should be eligible of the OOOTC with members of 100 years of age.

Another old member of the Morse Telegraph who I also wrote up years ago passed away at the age of 104 so being an ex-cable and telegraph operator on Broad Street New York City myself, looks as tho I might be around awhile myself—W6MLZ.

NAUTILUS UNDER THE ICE CAPS, 1931

Wonder how many of our members remember working K7XI back in 1931?

This photo shows the Submarine *Nautilus* as she took he first dive under the polar ice with the late Sir Hubert Wilkins in command and your Secretary W6MLZ as news correspondent and radio officer. If there is enough interest in a yarn on this expedition, drop Ray a line.

That photo of Ray, W6MLZ and the M. C. on "Dialing for Dollars" indicates that some lucky viewer with the right answer has just won $240. The winner was not a member of OOTC—darn.

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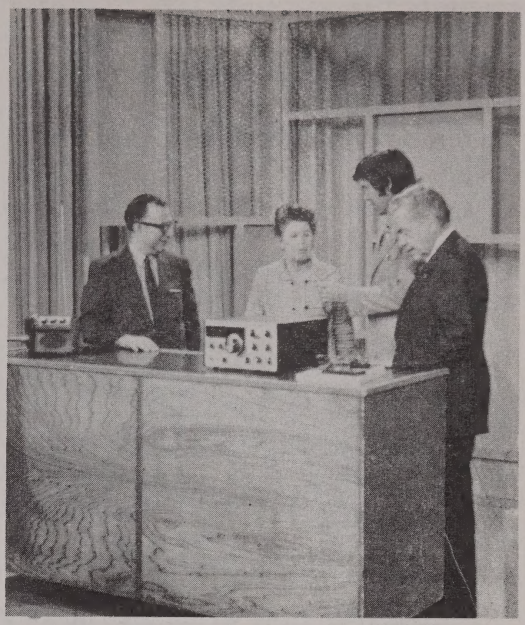

Lou Moreau, WB6BBO, one of our supporting members describes her famous key collection during the program "Dialing for Dollars" over KCOP-TV Channel 13 Los Angeles as Cy Kahn, W6PXH left and Ray Meyers, W6MLZ listen attentively.

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Cy Kahn, W6PXH seems to get a chuckle over some remark being rebroadcast for the viewing public during "Dialing for Dollars." Looks as though Lou Moreau, WB6BBO and Ray Meyers W6MLZ are doubling over also.

Times have changed—This is A. Allen Biggs, K4AA/W8LO at the age of 6 with his hound DAWG.

"IT HAPPENED IN THE SHACK"

Wally Francisco, K6KT comes up with a big idea which should be interesting among the membership. Wally suggests a section or column in SGT which may have some humerous incidents in the lives of our Old Timers.

Sounds like a good idea so if you have something to submit (double space material on the mill and not too long) send it along to "It Happened in the Shack" OOTC, Box B, San Gabriel, CA 91778.

How's this for a starter?—

During WW-1 the writer was making an inspection aboard English Steamer (forget the name) check on "ISW" (Submarine Warning) messages. Came across the following entries:

July 14th

0000—(Ships time) 0300 GMT. 3rd Op Jeffery on duty.

0001—Mouse in Wireless House.

0002—Threw headpiece at Mouse.

0003—Mouse gone, headpiece broken.

0004—No signals, headpiece inoperattive (no spare).

0015—No signals (and the same entry every 15 minutes until his Chief w/t came on duty at 0800. Understand he accused him of nodding on duty and framing up the log entries adding "you lunkhead there were spare telephones in the seachest behind you."

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Comdr Hal Wilcox, W4OP, (OOTC 312) had a massive heart attack on May 19th with four cardiac arrests and then on June 25th had another attack.

Hal is in the Naval Hospital, Bethesda MD 20014 but his XYL hopes to see him back home with all his former good health. Home QTH is 206 South West Street, Falls Church VA 22046.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Excerps from New England Chapter Newsletter

Bunny K1OUO visited Les Johnson K1TZH in USVA Hospital, Togus, Maine, Les looked fine, may be home by now, send cards to his home, hope he will be on the air soon. George Jette, W1UE is home and send cards, had rough time getting back after pnuemonia last winter. John Ireland, W1QG is SK, John never joined Chapter but was known to many of us.

WE MAY HAVE MUSEUM—Save all antique gear, it looks as if we may have worthy museum where it will be preserved, our calls and names kept with all the material. Ask others to hold so they can join our efforts—just let us not loose so the antiques go out of New England.

Bill Eglit K1AAQ sold his Nashua home and has moved in at his new QTH, RFD, Madison NH 03849. Century Kids, Eunice and Ken have given up their Florida address so it is Box 11, Waterford, ME 04088 and we will have a winter address later.

NETS—CW 3647 CW about 7 p.m. Mondays, Phone 3963 about 7 p.m. Thursdays and 8 or 9 p.m. thru week that many of us monitor.

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SO. CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

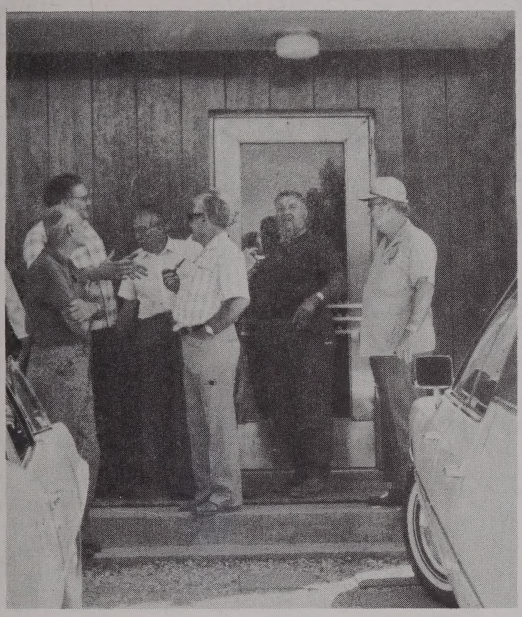
The June 11, 1972 trip to Mt Wilson California for a visit to Television Station KABC proved to be the most successful Outing ever held by the So. California Chapter members and their QCWA friends. The gang was so large that an exact count was impossible but more than 60 were present.

Mary Stagnaro and Ruth Moser served coffee and soft drinks to everyone for lunch, in the middle of the afternoon home-made ice cream was dispensed by Kae McGlashan, wife of Ben McGlashan, W6GY, and we guarantee it was appreciated by all.

Dr. Hess has a dandy new two letter call W6CK. He points out it is just one call away from W6CL.

Clate, W6AGK, seems to have unending source of towers, he recently sold one to Gene Violino, W6NIH and now has another for sale.

Gus Gironda, W2JE was a recent visitor to the Southern California area and states he is planning to attend SAROC in January. We might add that last year we met several of the OOTC members in Las Vegas and the So. California Chapter is arranging for a **booth again this year.**



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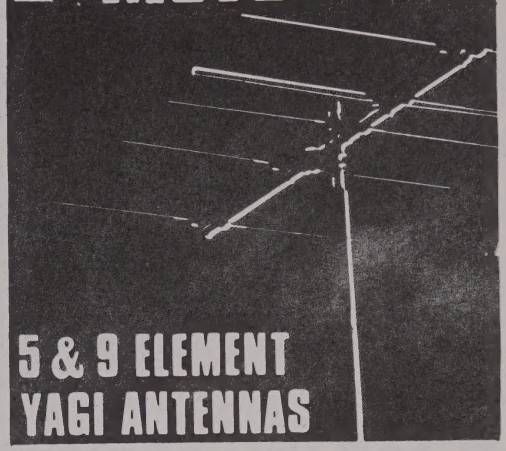

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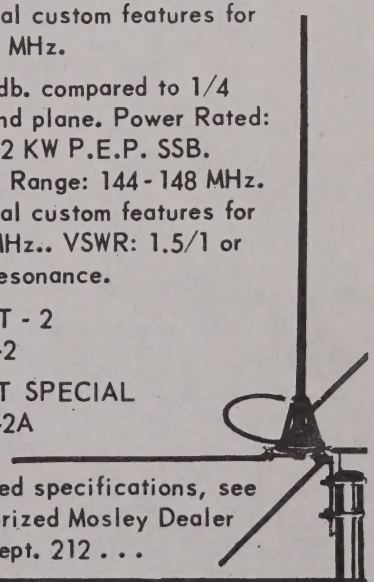

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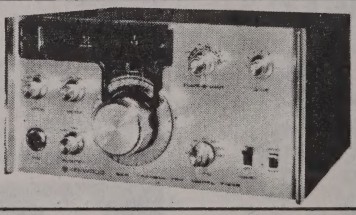

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